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Re: MDL No. 1968 -- IN RE: Digitek Products Liability Litigation

Dear Ms. Deppner:

Attached is a certified copy of a transfer order issued today by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation in the above-captioned matter. The order is directed to you for filing. Rule 1.5 of the [Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation](#), 199 F.R.D. 425, 428 (2001), states "A transfer or remand pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407 shall be effective when the transfer or remand order is filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of the transferee district."

Today we are also serving an information copy of the order on the transferor court(s). The Panel's governing statute, 28 U.S.C. §1407, requires that the transferee clerk "transmit a certified copy of the Panel's order to transfer to the clerk of the district court from which the action is being transferred [transferor court]."

Rule 1.6(a), pertaining to transfer of files, states "the clerk of the transferor district court shall forward to the clerk of the transferee district court the complete original file and a certified copy of the docket sheet for each transferred action." **With the advent of electronic filing, many transferee courts have found that it is not necessary to request the original file. Some transferee courts will send their certified copy of the Panel order with notification of the newly assigned transferee court case number and inform the transferor courts that they will copy the docket sheet via PACER. Others may request a certified copy of the docket sheet and a copy of the complaint (especially if it was removed from state court). You should be specific as to the files you would like to receive from the transferor courts and if no files will be necessary, you should make that clear. Therefore, Rule 1.6(a) will be satisfied once a transferor court has complied with your request.**

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The Panel Service list is attached.

Very truly,

Jeffery N. Lüthi
Clerk of the Panel

By Denise Morgan-Stone
Denise Morgan-Stone
Deputy Clerk

Attachments (Transfer Order is a Separate Document)

cc: Transferee Judge: Judge Joseph R. Goodwin

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